



**ELTHAM**  
CHURCH OF ENGLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL  
SINCE 1814

## Newsletter – Autumn Term 1

Week 4 #22

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy couple of weeks at Eltham CE Primary School! You may have heard that we had some unexpected visitors yesterday!? Not just one, but two magpies visited our building and got stuck up in the high ceiling outside the hall and couldn't work out how to leave! The children were excellent at walking quietly through the corridors but despite a variety of attempts to help them to freedom, we eventually called the Greenwich Wildlife Network who came with giant nets! Both magpies re-joined their friends out on the rooftops of Archery Road and all was well once again. One of our school values is **RESILIENCE** so when we focus on this as a school, it equips us when the unexpected happens. This might be during our learning, when there is a change to the school day or when inquisitive magpies visit our school and disrupt our lunchtimes! Your children do us all proud when showing how resilient they can be!

**HARVEST SERVICES** – Many thanks for your attendance at the Harvest services today. Also, for the many donations for the food bank. The theme was **GRATITUDE** – for all we have and for our wonderful world! The children all performed brilliantly (as usual!) and I am extremely grateful for all you do in support of the school.

**SCHOOL DINNERS** – I have been hearing a few reports about the menu served at lunchtime this week. Thank you for letting me know and for bearing with us as we work with our caterers (Chartwells) to get things right. We will never be able to provide a menu that perfectly suits everyone but there have been amendments made in recent months to ensure there is an option for all children every day. There was a Harvest themed menu yesterday so things were a little different. I had lunch with the children and the food was very good but we recognise that there were opportunities to improve. The biggest lesson – not everyone likes barbeque sauce! Please continue to bear with us as I meet with the catering managers to keep making necessary changes.

**CHISIMDI** – Many thanks to all members of the Eltham Family who attended the funeral of Chisimdi on Tuesday. The love shown to his family by everyone from our school made me very proud and although it was a really tough day, we are reminded what his parents shared during the service – Chisimdi loved God and shone the light of Jesus to all around him. He wanted everyone to love each other as God loves us. We will be sharing plans in the coming weeks of what the collection will go towards in Chisimdi's memory and plans for a memorial on our school site.

**PARENTS' EVENINGS** Many of you have booked your appointments already for Parents'/Carers' consultation evenings. Please make a note of your appointment. A reminder will be sent out the week before. It is our intention that ALL parents/carers attend to hear about their child's progress and what they can do to support at home.

Wishing you all the very best of weekends with rest and time doing what you enjoy. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday ready for more learning.

Very best wishes  
Matt Wills  
Headteacher

*"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven"*

Matthew 5:16

**Parents' Evenings** – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> October (bookings open on Parentmail)

**Individual and sibling photos** – 22<sup>nd</sup>/ 23<sup>rd</sup> October

**HALF TERM** - Mon 28<sup>th</sup> October – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> November (Children return on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November)

**Last Day of Autumn Term** – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm finish

**INSET day** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December